

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 4 and 5 are currently amended and claim 3 is cancelled. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A reed for weaving, wherein a plurality of reed dents, each including a front edge section and a rear edge section, the reed dents having hollow portions for guiding the weft, are arranged such that said hollow portions are communicated with each other so as to form guide grooves for the weft,

wherein the depths of said hollow portions of the reed dents located at least at one end portion in the weft insert direction are made larger than the depths of the hollow portions of other reed dents and, the nearer the central side in the weft insert direction the reed dents are located, the smaller the depths of the hollow portions are made so as to become approximate to the depths of said hollow portions of said other reed dents, and

wherein, in said reed dents at the one end portion, areas including portions corresponding to said hollow portions in said rear edge sections are projected backward, and wherein said rear edge section of said other reed dents are flat such that the dimension of said other reed dents in the forward and backward direction becomes smaller than that of said reed dents having said portion projected backwards.

2. (Original) A reed described in claim 1, wherein the vertical dimension between the upper and lower parts of the hollow portions of said reed dents at the one end portion are made larger than the dimension between the upper and lower parts of said hollow portions of said other reed dents and the nearer the central side in the weft insert direction the reed dents are located, the smaller the hollow portions of the reed dents are made.

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3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A reed described in claim 1, wherein said reed is ~~formed~~ as a single reed.

5. (Currently Amended) A reed described in claim 1, wherein said reed is ~~formed~~ as a divided reed.